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CHILD LABOR PROBLEMS.

During the past summer while re ports were coming almost every wee of new efforts on the part of influen child labor in factories, shops and mines, there was a sanguine hope that the worst of the evil was over, and that from this time on it would rapidly diminish. Of late, however, the news has been by no means so encouraging and it now seems probable, says the Call, that a sytem of campaign education on the subject will have to be un-

Despite the earnest effort made for

remedial legislation in that state, the Georgia legislature has adjourned without donig anything to prevent or even to mitigate the evil. Moreover, the investigation into the conditon of the anthracite miners in Pennsylvania has brought to light the fact that a large mines of that state in deflance of the law. Similar disclosures have been made in New Jersey, and doubtless if equally seaching investigations were made in other large mining and manufacturing states a like deplorable condition of affairs would be found. In short, the southern states have no laws on the subject, in many of the northern states the laws are violated, and the situation of the child appears to be about as bad in one as in the other. It is a familiar story that a large proportion of the southern cotton mills are owned by nothern capitalists, and that the influence of the capitalists has been adverse to factory legislation. They have in some cases directly warned southern communities that if any efforts were made by legislation to prevent the employment of child labor they That is a favorite form of putting capitalistic pressure upon society. It has been heard all over the Union to a was so portentious that the women's clubs of Alabama made a direct appeal to the clubs of New England to bring local pressure to bear upon New England stockholders of southern mills to induce them to cease their opposition to the desired legislation. The appeal has evidently had little effect, for it seems that the millmen fought the child labor bill before the Georgia legislature and defeated it.

The issue is not within the scope of federal legislation. It is a matter with which states will have to deal, and the outlook is not promising. It may seem reasonable to hope that within a few years the southern states will follow the example of the north in enacting proper laws against child labor. but what can be done to prevent evasions of the law such as are now going on unheeded in some of the northern states, where the laws seem to be all that can be desidred?

of scarlet fever is stamped out, the city the owners of property in every por tion of town are required to clean up their places and keep them clean. Not only in the suburbs and some resi filthy that one accustomed to fresh air would almost choke while visiting them. This condition of affairs exists principally around the Chinese quar ters. In some of the residence sections there are accumulations of filth that are an actual menace to the health of the community, while here and there stagnant pools may be found. If people will not look after their own health and that of their neighbors, they should be prosecuted to the fullest extent of the law. All the rubbish and filth around town should be destroyed, and a periodical inspection made of suspected oremises. There is plenty of work before the health department, and the council must make early provision to see that it is done. The city physician, who now receives a "salary of \$300 yearly, should be paid \$1000 year, and, with the chief of police should regularly examine those sections of town likely to become flithy. If heals lungs and stops the cough.

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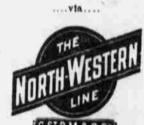
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